

Appl. No. 09/924,260

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Claims 2-18 and 23 stand as previously presented. Claims 21 and 22 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 19 and 20 have been amended.

5 Claims 1-20, 22 and 23 were considered in the Office Action.

10 Claims 1-11, 16, 17 and 20-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bugnion, U.S. Patent 6,704,925. Claims 9, 10, 12-15, 18-21 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bugnion in view of Yates et al., (Yates), U.S. Patent 5,802,373.

15 Claim 22 stands objected-to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, interpreted as being dependent upon base claim 20, as indicated in paragraph 3 of the Office Action mailed April 25, 2005.

Independent claims 1, 19 and 20 have been amended to include the limitations of objected-to claim 22, are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

20 The Applicants respectfully request the timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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